

*Piranga hepatica*.—Tolerably common in the Chisos, Davis, and Guadalupe Mountains.

*Piranga rubra cooperi*.—Common in suitable localities in extreme southwestern Texas.

*Vireo solitarius plumbeus*.—Tolerably common in the mountains west of the Pecos River.

*Dendroica graciae*.—Mr. Bailey secured one specimen in the Guadalupe Mountains.

*Wilsonia pusilla pileolata*.—A tolerably common transient in western Texas.

*Sitta pygmaea*.—Common in the Guadalupe Mountains.

*Parus inornatus griseus*.—Fairly common in the Guadalupe Mountains.

*Parus gambeli*.—Common in the higher portions of the Davis and Guadalupe Mountains.

*Psaltriparus plumbeus*.—Abundant in the high mountains of southwestern Texas.

*Psaltriparus melanotis lloydi*.—Abundant in the Chisos and Davis Mountains, and also in the Ord Mountains south of Alpine.

*Polioptila caerulea obscura*.—Common in suitable localities west of the Pecos River.—HARRY C. OBERHOLSER, *Washington, D. C.*

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## RECENT LITERATURE.

Campbell's Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds.<sup>1</sup>—Mr. Campbell is to be congratulated by all his brother ornithologists on the satisfactory completion of a great undertaking. The 'Nests and Eggs of Australian Birds' forms a work of over 1100 rather closely printed pages, and treats of 765 species and subspecies. The eggs of many of the species are illustrated in the 27 colored plates, and the nests and eggs and breeding sites of many more in the large number of very effective half-tone illustrations, published as full-page plates. There is also a portrait of the

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<sup>1</sup>Nests and Eggs | of | Australian Birds | including the | geographical distribution of the species | and | popular observations thereon | By | Archibald James Campbell | Melbourne | With Map, 28 Coloured Plates and 131 Photographic Illustrations | — | Part I [and II] | — | Printed for the author | by | Pawson & Brailsford, Sheffield | 1900. | (All rights reserved)—Roy. 8vo, Part I, pp. i-lx + 1-524; Part II, pp. 524-1102, frontispiece (pt. I), portrait of John Gould; frontispiece (pt. II), portrait of the author, map, 26 colored plates, and 131 half-tone illustrations.

author, and of the late John Gould, to the memory of whom and of his assistant John Gilbert the work is appropriately dedicated. The introduction contains an interesting account of the progress of Australian ornithology, beginning with biographical sketches of Gould and Gilbert, especially in relation to their Australian work, and including briefer notices of other pioneer workers in the same field.

The main text consists of, first, references to where the species is figured, its place of treatment in the British Museum 'Catalogue of Birds,' and to previous descriptions of its eggs. Then follows a brief statement of its geographical distribution, and a formal description of the nest and eggs, and finally, under 'Observations,' an account of its habits and distribution.

The avifauna of Australia presents an unusual number of birds of remarkable interest in respect to their domestic life and breeding habits, all of which are treated with the detail their peculiar interest warrants. The playgrounds of the several species of Bower Bird, and the wonderful nesting habits of the mound-building Megapodes are affectively illustrated by full-page half-tone plates, while the accompanying text is extended to meet the requirements of a detailed account of these remarkable "ornithological curiosities."

A few of the nests and eggs of Australian birds still remain undiscovered, but the proportion of the unknown is not large. Mr. Campbell's grand work well covers the field, and is a credit alike to his industry, intelligence, and zeal. While the greater part of the half-tone illustrations are from photographs taken by the author, many are credited to Mr. D. Le Souëf and a considerable number of others to Mr. S. W. Jackson. The colored plates of eggs are from drawings by Mr. C. C. Brittlebank, and represent the eggs of about 200 species which lay colored eggs, no white eggs being figured. — J. A. A.

**Woodcock's Birds of Oregon.**<sup>1</sup> — Mr. Woodcock's List numbers about 325 species, this number including a few introduced species. It has evidently been compiled with care, and forms a valuable record of the birds of the State. The author's own observations relate chiefly to the vicinity of Corvallis, and if his list had been confined to this locality we are not sure it would not have been quite as valuable, as it would certainly have been a more convenient and definite contribution to faunal literature. In compiling a list to include all the birds of the State—the need for which was doubtless felt to be urgent—the author has availed himself of

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<sup>1</sup> An Annotated List of the Birds of Oregon. Compiled from data furnished by ornithologists throughout the State, together with extracts from Belding's "Land Birds of the Pacific District," and Bendire's "Life Histories of North American Birds." By A. R. Woodcock. Bull. No. 68. Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station, Corvallis, Oregon, Jan., 1902. Svo, pp. 118.